



HISTORY OF CBC

In June 1959, Grace Baptist Church was started by a Baptist mission in Detroit. They later merged with Faith Chapel and changed its name to Community Baptist Church. In 1985, Rev. Donald Sweeney and his wife, Sherry, began pastoring Community Baptist Church.

In 1988, the leadership changed the name to reflect Brighton's culture to Community Bible Church (CBC). They also began to have church gatherings together with a neighboring church, Brighton Trinity Church. Over time it became clear that the Lord was knitting the hearts of these two churches together. Through unanimous voting at both churches, Pastor Don Sweeney and Pastor Dave Evans became Co-Pastors of their joint church. Sadly, six months later, Pastor Dave died from an aneurysm.

In 1995, Under Pastor Don's vision and completed by the new Pastor, Larry Batts, CBC's gym was built for community basketball ministry and adult Bible studies. In 2000, CBC welcomed Pastor Sam Hoyt to become the next Senior Pastor. Pastor Hoyt served until 2005 when Pastor Darril Holden was called to serve until 2015.

Pastor Steve Baker was hired in 2016 as Senior Pastor. Under Pastor Steve's leadership, CBC began to see growth and expansion of the ministry. Solid Rock Bible Church approached CBC in 2017 about merging under their leadership. After many meetings and prayers, Community Bible Church South Lyon was launched as a second campus of CBC. Pastor Jon Nagle was hired as the Campus Pastor providing leadership and direction in conjunction with the Elders of CBC. Under Jon's leadership, the campus began to see strength and stability, indicating that it could stand independently. In the summer of 2019, it was confirmed that CBC South Lyon, would be released as an autonomous church to further the Kingdom work in South Lyon as Hope Church.

In 2019 CBC broke ground on a new worship space expanding the lobby and creating a space for worshipping together where the family of CBC can continue to invite others to hear the good news of Jesus and begin or continue the journey of becoming disciples that declare the name of Jesus. The first Sunday in our new space was February 14th, 2020. Since then, we have continued to see God work in the lives of the people who call CBC their home church, and we are excited for what the future holds.